(b) and (c) No, Sir.

Charging educational expenditure from students

†106. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Advisory Board of Education has made this recommendation that 20 per cent of total expenditure on education may be charged from students;

(b) if so, whether Government have not accepted this recommendation;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a need is being felt to bring changes with regard to the tuition fees in universities and colleges in several States; and

(d) if so, the decision taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) Committee on Financing of Higher and Technical Education has recommended that revenue generation through student fees beyond 20 per cent may seriously affect access to higher education. According to information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the institutions of higher learning in the country have a variable fee structure which differs from institution to institution. The matter relating to fee structure was, among other things, discussed in the Conference of Vice Chancellors held on 10-11th October, 2007 and the UGC proposes to set up an expert committee to look into various aspects of the fee related issue and arrive at a strategy whereby the fee for higher education is neither ridiculously low nor it poses a barrier in equitable access to higher education.

New IITs and IIMs

107. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up eight new IITs and seven new IIMs in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating whether any such institute would be set up in Orissa also; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, in his address to the Nation on the occasion of the 60th Independence Day has, *inter-alia*, announced for establishment of eight new Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and seven new Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) during the 11th Plan period. The Government have already decided to set up three new IITs in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar and Rajasthan while an IIM at Shillong (Meghalaya) has already been established. Decision on locations of remaining IITs and IIMs has not yet been taken.

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